

**Savannah State College**

**Savannah, Georgia**

**The One Hundred Twenty-Eighth  
Commencement**



**Lux et Veritas**

**August Twenty-Second**

**Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three**

**Ten Thirty O'Clock A.M.**

**John H. Kennedy Fine Arts Center**

**(Outdoor Area)**

# Order of Procession

The Chief Marshal

The Class Marshals

Candidate for The Masters Degree

Candidates for The Baccalaureate Degree

Instructors of The College

Assistant Professors of The College

Associate Professors of The College

Professors of The College

Professors Emeriti

The Graduate Faculty

The Presidential Party

## The Significance of The Academic Mace

Observing the centuries-old convocation procedures, each Marshal in the Savannah State College Academic Procession carries an official mace which is indicative of the power, dignity, and *magisterium* vested in the College. The mace is a club-shaped staff which originated in the Middle Ages as a weapon. Eventually, it gained a ceremonial character and is presently employed most often by legislative forums and academic enterprises.

The official mace of Savannah State College was designed and made from mahogany wood by Dr. Ernest S. Brown, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering Technology. Dr. Lester B. Johnson, Head of the Department of Engineering Technology, designed and built the Mace Stand.

The College motto is "*Lux Et Veritas*" ("Light and Truth")

# Order of Exercises

PRELUDE: "Joy" from Cantata #147 ..... Johann Sebastian Bach  
Willie G. Tucker, Organist

\*ACADEMIC PROCESSION: "War March of the Priests" ..... Felix Mendelssohn  
Willie G. Tucker

\*\*INVOCATION ..... The Reverend James M. Capers, Pastor  
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church  
Savannah, Georgia

SELECTION: "Ride On King Jesus" ..... Arrangement by Hall Johnson  
Juanita Tucker, Guest Soloist

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER: ..... Wendell G. Rayburn  
President, Savannah State College

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....Margaret C. Robinson  
Dean, School of Sciences and Technology  
Savannah State College

SELECTION: "Climb Every Mountain" ..... Rogers and Hammerstein, II  
John Wilhite, Guest Soloist

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR GRADUATE DEGREE ..... Edward J. Hayes  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Assisted by Alvin Collins, Acting Registrar

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES:  
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS.....Dean Leo G. Parrish  
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES..... Dean Ja Arthur Jähannes  
SCHOOL OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY ..... Lester B. Johnson

CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES ..... Wendell G. Rayburn  
Assisted by the Academic Deans and Acting Registrar

ALUMNI INDUCTION..... Roy L. Jackson, President  
Savannah State College National Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF N.R.O.T.C.  
CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSION ..... Commander John Slaven  
Commanding Officer, Savannah State College N.R.O.T.C.

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE ..... Commander John Slaven

PRAYER FOR THE NEW OFFICER  
"Veni Sancte Spiritus" ..... The Reverend Samuel A. Williams  
Savannah State College Minister  
Pastor, Christ Memorial Baptist Church  
Savannah, Georgia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE HYMN

BENEDICTION.....The Reverend Samuel A. Williams

THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*\*\*RECESSIONAL: "Pomp and Circumstance" ..... Sir Edward Elgar  
Willie G. Tucker, Organist

\*The audience is requested to remain seated

\*\*The audience is requested to stand

\*\*\*The audience is requested to remain seated until the procession has exited

# Master's Degree Conferred

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Days, Ronald Jerome ..... Undergraduate Degree, Morehouse College

# Baccalaureate Degrees Conferred

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### Accounting

Hancock, Raymond John III ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Lucear, Cynthia Renee ..... Atlanta, Georgia  
Vann, Kenneth O. R. .... Columbus, Georgia  
Worku, Demissie ..... Addisababa, Ethiopia

### General Business Administration

Dixon, Ruth Yvonne ..... Sardis, Georgia  
Earls, Lisa Denise ..... Gainesville, Georgia  
Godboldte, James Ulysses ..... Titusville, Florida  
Grant, Marie ..... Portal, Georgia  
Kessler, Michael Dewayne ..... Garden City, Georgia  
Lee, Collinda Joan ..... Milledgeville, Georgia  
Mitchell, Columbus ..... Albany, Georgia  
Sanders, Eleanor Loraine ..... Thomasville, Georgia  
Shellhamer, Edward Wesley ..... Savannah, Georgia

### Economics

Johnson, Finley Wilson Jr. .... Savannah, Georgia

### Office Administration

Barnes, Sonja Alston ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Edwards, Terry ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Howard, Janice Marie ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Ponder, Brenda Elizabeth ..... Savannah, Georgia

## SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

### Mass Communications

Allen, Vara Denise ..... Wadley, Georgia  
Blake, Kimberly Michelle ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Lett, Diane ..... Blakely, Georgia

### Music

McGlockton, Darian Teressa ..... Dublin, Georgia  
Prescott, Sylathea Renea ..... Savannah, Georgia

### Criminal Justice

Andrews, Annie Belle ..... Fleming, Georgia  
Driver, Annie Bell M. .... Griffin, Georgia  
Duncan, Gloria Denise ..... Hinesville, Georgia  
Hull, Valarie Denise ..... Augusta, Georgia  
Jackson, Karen ..... Savannah, Georgia

### History

Welcome, Mary Letrelle ..... Savannah, Georgia

### Sociology

Evans, Deborah Michelle ..... Zebulon, Georgia  
Kemp, Everett ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Middleton, Deborah Frances ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Powell, Mary Alice ..... Beaufort, South Carolina

### Social Work

Harris, Albert Charles ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Renfro, Pamela S. .... Decatur, Georgia  
Robinson, Shirley Mae ..... Savannah, Georgia

## SCHOOL OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

### Biology

|                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Emabo, Sunday Joseph .....          | Alaglanu-Otukpo, Nigeria |
| Gregory, Jimmy L. ....              | Millen, Georgia          |
| Heath, Gregory Charles .....        | Savannah, Georgia        |
| Jones, DoRetha A. ....              | Savannah, Georgia        |
| Polite, Sheila Geneva Fennell ..... | Savannah, Georgia        |

### Chemistry

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Merritt, Brenda Parks ..... | McRae, Georgia |
|-----------------------------|----------------|

### Mathematics

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Johnson, Heidi Alethia Princess ..... | Savannah, Georgia |
| Phillips, Dorothy L. ....             | Savannah, Georgia |
| Wallace-Roland Bernard .....          | Savannah, Georgia |
| Wilson, Rachel J. Fields .....        | Savannah, Georgia |

### Medical Technology

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Manigault, Donna Marie ..... | Savannah, Georgia |
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### Electronics Engineering Technology

|                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| *Al-Otaibi, Dawi Mohammad .....   | Makkah, Saudi Arabia |
| Al-Shaye, Saleh Abdulah .....     | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia |
| Al-Suwaidi, Thani B. ....         | Dammam, Saudi Arabia |
| *Al-Zahrani, Ali Ahmed Odah ..... | Dammam, Saudi Arabia |
| **Cheng, Siuling .....            | Canton, China        |
| Coney, David Stanley .....        | Savannah, Georgia    |
| Day, Drake Anthony .....          | Augusta, Georgia     |
| Heard, Carl J. ....               | Elberton, Georgia    |
| Horton, Cynthia L. ....           | Savannah, Georgia    |
| Jackson, Tony Mays .....          | Camilla, Georgia     |
| Johnson, Marvin Vane .....        | Savannah, Georgia    |

### Electronics Engineering Technology

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Troup, James ..... | Glenwood, Georgia |
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### Mechanical Engineering Technology

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Izaddoost, Shahin ..... | Tehran, Iran |
| Shambayati, Iraj .....  | Tehran, Iran |
| Toma, Rami .....        | Tehran, Iran |

### Textiles and Clothing

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| King, Jocelyn Denise ..... | Savannah, Georgia |
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#### NOTE:

Appearance of a name of any list in this program must not be considered as conclusive evidence of graduation. Persons who have met all requirements for a particular degree and whose names appear on the lists in this program will receive the degree indicated.

!In Absentia

\*\*Magna Cum Laude

\*Cum Laude

# Honor Graduates

August 22, 1983

MAGNA CUM LAUDE  
(3.400-3.749)  
Siuling Cheng

CUM LAUDE  
(3.000-3.399)

Dawi Mohammad Al-Otaibi  
Ali Ahmed Odah Al-Zahrani

USHERS  
N.R.O.T.C. Midshipmen

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## SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE HYMN

*Let us give thanks and praise to Thee,  
To our Alma Mater, S.S.C.  
Thine honor, pride, and eminence,  
We raise in prayerful reverence.*

*Guide us still from day to day,  
Be Thou mindful lest we lose our way;  
Help us know that life, short or long,  
Means unceasing work for weak and strong.*

## REFRAIN

*Where Savannah meets the sea,  
Where grassy plains and palms abound,  
Where the flow'rs are gems of loveliness,  
There S.S.C. is found.  
We adore each beauteous scene and hall,  
Our all we pledge to Thee!  
In our hearts we'll build a shrine for Thee.  
We hail Thee, S.S.C.*

—J. Randolph Fisher  
Hilliary Hatchett

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1983 Fall Quarter ..... Freshmen, September 19  
Upperclassmen, September 23

# Academic Costumes

Modern academic dress has evolved from a type of apparel prescribed by English Medieval Universities to distinguish their schools from the lay person in dress at a time when everybody wore robes or gowns. When American colleges and universities desired to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel a half century ago it seemed best to agree on some definite system which all might follow. Accordingly, this attire has consisted of the cap, the gown, and the hood, the latter two now differing according to the degree the wearer has received.

The modern cap, in academic dress has the same design for all degrees; black and square-shaped with a tassel hanging from the center. However, the color of the tassel usually differentiates the field of study for which the degree was granted, the gold tassel being worn by doctors or by presidents of colleges and universities; but it may be added that the black tassel is correct for all degrees.

The gown, unlike the cap, differs appreciably in design according to the degree conferred on the wearer. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree, worn open or closed has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut and the front part has an arc cut away. The doctor's gown, worn open or closed, has long sleeves faced with velvet; three bars of velvet are midway the sleeves. The trimmings of the doctor's gown may be black or the color associated with the field of study.

The hood, while not an article of dress, is, however, the most distinctive feature of the academic attire. It is a black, crow-shaped badge or adornment with an oval opening and worn down the back. It enables one to quickly determine not only the degree held by the wearer but also the college or university from which he is graduated. The colors lining the hood and the size and shape of the hood make this distinction. The bachelor's and master's hoods are three feet and three and a half feet in length, respectively; the doctor's hood is four feet in length and is made with a wide panel. Hoods may be worn for only those degrees actually held by the wearers.

Members of the governing body of a college or university, and they only, whatever their degrees may be, are entitled to wear doctor's gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

In some colleges and universities, it is customary for the president, chancellor, or chief officer to wear a costume similar to that worn by the head of a foreign university.

The chief marshal may wear a specially designed costume approved by the institution.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the color associated with different subjects are prescribed by the revised American Intercollegiate Code is as follows:

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Agriculture.....                | Maise         |
| Arts, Letters, Humanities ..... | White         |
| Business.....                   | Drab          |
| Economics.....                  | Copper        |
| Education.....                  | Light Blue    |
| Law.....                        | Purple        |
| Library Science .....           | Lemon         |
| Music.....                      | Pink          |
| Oratory—(Speech).....           | Silver Gray   |
| Philosophy.....                 | Dark Blue     |
| Physical Education .....        | Sage Green    |
| Science.....                    | Golden Yellow |
| Theology.....                   | Scarlet       |

At Savannah State College, the lining of the hood has an orange chevron on a blue background to represent school colors. A faculty member wears the color of his alma mater.

